



Giving Childhood Back to Children

CHILD WELFARE DURBAN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: THE CHRISTMAS EDITION

As we count down to the end of the year, CHILD WELFARE Durban & District would like to share with you highlights from October- November 2015 on this Christmas Edition.

CELEBRATING BOSS'S DAY

"A leader...is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind."



The 16th of October 2015 marked Boss's day and we at CWDD celebrated our boss's amongst them our Executive Director, Mrs. Melaine Pillay. We celebrate Mrs. Pillay for leading by example and most of all leading from the heart. She has demonstrated on so many occasions that folding your sleeves and giving a hand gets the job done. Her contagious charisma inspires us daily. Her belief and commitment in the philosophy of team work is embodied in her catch phrase; "unity commands blessing"

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY



The Government of South Africa declared the first Saturday of November as the National Children's Day. This year, the first Saturday of the month was the 07th of November 2015. The aim of the National Children's Day celebration is to highlight progress being made towards the realization and promotion of rights of children. CWDD Isipingo Community Service office commemorated the day by hosting various awareness programmes to create awareness of the rights of children and the role that the community needs to play.



Awareness programme at Fundakhle Primary School



According to <http://www.gov.za/16-daysactivismno-violence-against-women-and-children-2015-0>, 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children is an international awareness-raising campaign. It takes place every year from 25 November to 10 December.



The Isipingo Community service office joined SAPS Isipingo

What can you do? Together, let us take actions to support the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign.

- Support the campaign by wearing the **white ribbon** during the 16-day period: A white ribbon is a symbol of peace and symbolises the commitment of the wearer to never commit or condone violence against women and children.
- Report child abuse to the police.
- Encourage children to report bully behaviour to school authorities.
- Try and understand how your own attitudes and actions might perpetuate sexism and violence.



CWDD joined an End to Violence against woman and child abuse walk hosted by Sisterz2gether in conjunction

with Sanzaf, SAPS (Point), Point CPF sub Forum Sector I & The Jes Foord Foundation

CHILD WELFARE Durban & District through its Community Service offices and Residential facilities joined in the campaign by raising awareness of issues affecting children through various forums in collaboration with community leaders, activists and other stakeholders within the Durban area. The Central Team service marked the day by hosting an information stand at China mall offering advice on all matters relating to Child Protection.



Central Team awareness campaign

LAKEHAVEN & ZAMANI CHILD & YOUTH CARE OPEN DAY



WDD; Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre and Zamani Child and Youth Care Centre would like to thank the community for attending their combined open day held on 30th October 2015.



We as an organisation rely wholly on the support we receive from our community, therefore thank you to each individual who took time to attend the open day.

DONOR APPRECIATION SECTION

CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH THE MEREBANK LOCAL COMMUNITY



The Merebank Local Community treated all our children from our 4 facilities and our 9 community homes to entertainment, snacks, meals and a whole lot of love. A special THANK you to Sunita Roopan, Ringo Naidoo and Vincin Naidu from our Board of Governors who serve our children as their own. Thank you Hindvani Radio for being a part of this day.



The children listening attentively

LAKEHAVEN CHILD & YOUTH CARE HALL 'FACE-LIFT'



A big Thank You to Barlow World for the renovations of the Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre Hall

RENOVATIONS

Lakehaven Child and Youth care Centre is grateful to Voltex (Pty) Ltd for the renovations of cottage 3. Thank You for making our cottages more comfortable for our children.





Painting of the Hall

NEDBANK LOCAL HEROES



CWDD is grateful to Mrs. Rebecca Naidoo of Nedbank who volunteers her time and her efforts to our organisation. She has honoured us by nominating our organisation as a worthy beneficiary of the Local Heroes donation. The funds will be used at our Chesterville Community Family Home.



WORLD ADOPTION'S DAY



Adoption is the legal process by which the rights and responsibilities for a child are given up by one set of parents and taken on by another. It is however much more than a legal process. It is also the **creation of a family**. It involves deep human emotions and has the potential to create great happiness as well as great disappointment.

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." -John Holmes

Monday 9th of November 2015 marked World Adoption Day, a day designed to celebrate adoption and adoptive families. CHILD WELFARE Durban & District Adoption Department invited the public to show support for this day by posting pictures of themselves, their families, friends and or colleagues on social media pages with a smiley on their hands.



Why? Simply because no matter how tragically a child's story begins, adoption brings new hope. **For More Information: Please contact the Adoptions Team: 031 312 9313**



Adoptions Team who held a Crisis Parent Programme in celebration of World Adoption Day



CAPACITY BUILDING: PEPFAR BENEFICIARIES TRAINING



The United States Consulate, in Durban held a 3 day workshop for their PEPFAR beneficiaries of whom CWDD is. The workshop was attended by two of staff members. The focus was on monitoring and evaluation and covered issues facing NGO's such as ours. CWDD would like to extend its gratitude to the organisers and most of all to the US Consulate General who graced the event.



United States Consulate General to Durban, South Africa

KEEPING UP WITH OUR SOCIAL WORKERS: AWARENESS PROGRAMS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME



Parenting skills with foster parents at G Section uMlazi, Councillors Office by Umlazi I Team

Prevention- This service is provided to families who have children and are in crisis, in order to strengthen and build their capacity and self-reliance to address problems that may occur in the family environment which, if not attended to, may lead to statutory intervention. This includes awareness programmes and education of communities and key role players.



Early Intervention- This service is provided to families where there are children identified as being vulnerable to or at risk of harm or removal into alternative care. This includes counselling, therapy and mediation.



"I know I can't do much, but I can do a little and I'm going to do as much of that as I can but if we all do that—we can make a big difference." - Ava

Statutory Services- when early intervention services have not been successful, the child is subject to a children's court enquiry for statutory placement. Placements are either family/ alternate care; foster care, residential care and adoption.



"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action." -
Herbert Spencer

CWDD END OF YEAR PARTY

CWDD staff recently kicked back, put their feet up (maybe down) and let their hair down at their end of year party.



Fun & games

Our staff members are faced with tragic child abuse cases that which take an emotional toll on them. Events such

as these provide much needed relaxation. It was also great to see some of our colleagues from our other CWDD offices and to socialise.



Musical chairs



What's a party without dancing?

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DONATION STATION CHARITY SHOP

Being Christmas time, the time of giving, please pop into our charity shop and make someone's Christmas that much more beautiful with our wide range of second hand goods.

Look out for our last Jumble sale for the year to be held on **12th November 2015 at 20 Clarence Road**. Lots of goodies on sale!

Whether you have an eye for art or crafts or your simply looking for household items, please pay us a visit.

If you have items that you would like to donate, you are welcome to do so. Please note the charity shop will be closed for the year on **23rd December 2015 and will re-open for 2016, on 11th January 2015**. We have so many surprises instore for you in the new year!



This beautiful gown is on sale NOW!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY:

1. Making a donation in kind or cash
2. Volunteering at our Child and Youth Care Centres, events or for campaigns
3. Tutoring and mentoring our children
4. Coaching or training our children in different sporting disciplines
5. You can adopt a cottage and make a monthly contribution towards the expenditure of the cottage or you can adopt a particular item in our food bill to sponsor on a monthly basis
6. You can provide pro bono professional services such as counselling
7. You can sponsor maintenance of one of our cottages.

BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING CWDD

1. By supporting CWDD in whichever aspect you choose, you empower us to provide hope to over 300 children that are placed in our care.
2. Donations made to CWDD are **tax deductible in terms of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962**. Donors can claim the tax deduction from SARS when submitting their tax returns by attaching the **section 18A receipt** received from our organisation.
3. **BEE** (Black Economic Empowerment) points are also earned when making a donation to CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT.
4. **Advertising/ Promotions opportunity** - CWDD offers its donors an opportunity to erect signage/branding at our facilities. We also provide an opportunity for companies to attach their branding to our press materials.

CWDD & RADIO HINDVANI RADIOTHON IS HERE THIS SATURDAY (12/12/2015)

LOOKING FORWARD TO A MAGICAL DAY & SEEING YOU THERE!!

COUNTDOWN TO THE CWDD & RADIO HINDVANI RADIOTHON

Listen to Radio Hindvani and
CALL 031 312 9313 with a PLEDGE!



Date: Saturday, 12 December 2015
Time: 10h00 to 16h00
Pledge your support

Call in LIVE and make a contribution towards Child Protection

Tune in to Radio Hindvani on Thursday evening at 10h30 for an interview with our Executive Director, Mrs Maline Pillay and Board Member Mr Mahamed Khan who will give you more information about this event.

Join us at 30 Clarence Road on the 12/12/2015 for a Jumble sale, to meet and greet the Radio Hindvani DJ's and Mr Magic our Brand Ambassador who will be on hand to receive your pledge calls, surprise you with some magic and take photographs.

WILLIAM CLARK GARDENS / OTHANDWENI CHILD & YOUTH CARE CENTRE: HALL FOR HIRE

Are you looking for a venue for your end of year party or for a baby shower, Birthday Party, Family gathering or even a wedding? CWDD William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child & Youth Care Hall is your answer. The hall can accommodate 150-200 people. The newly renovated Hall provides the perfect ambience for any event you are hosting. **For Booking Please contact; Irene Okoye, 031 312 9313**



LITRES FOR EDUCATION (L.F.E)

JOIN THE LFE FAMILY TODAY



We would like to invite any business or company to register their fleet and make CHILD WELFARE Durban & District their beneficiary. It's as easy as A B C and there is no payment involved. Please help us to continue caring for our children and affording them the best education. **To**

Register or to find out more about L.F.E please contact

Siphiwe Vilakazi, 031 312 9313

<http://litresforeducation.co.za/>

CWDD IN THE NEWS

Thank you to the following media sponsors for featuring our organisation in their various media platforms

- Chatsworth Tabloid
- Berea mail
- Overport Rising
- Child Magazine
- Independent Newspaper

We are also grateful to **Lotus FM & RadioDUT** for featuring our Adoptions team.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas. Thank You for your partnership. Have a Blessed end of Year and New Year!

**KIND REGARDS,
IRENE OKOYE**

INCOME DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Child Welfare Durban and Radio Hindvani teams up for Radiothon

Child Welfare Durban and District (CWDD) together with Radio Hindvani welcomes the community to participate in their annual Radiothon.

The Radiothon will take place on 12 December 2015, Saturday at CWDD Stormhaven offices, 20 Clarence Road, commencing from 10am to 4pm. Radio Hindvani will be broadcasting live at Stormhaven and the public are urged to come and make a pledge of their choice. There will also be a jambo sale at the premises and people can look forward to seeing the CWDD brand ambassador, Mo Magic and mingle with their favourite Hindvani presenters.

All funds generated from this project will go towards the build bill for CWDD's Child and Youth Care Centres. CWDD is now the largest Child Welfare Organisation in South Africa.

CWDD was constituted on 3 October 1999 because of a merger between the Child Family and Community Care Centre of Durban founded in 1927, Durban Child and Family Welfare Society founded in 1919 and Umhlangeni



Child and District Child Welfare Society founded in 1925.

The Indian Women's Association in 1927 founded the Child Family and Community Care Centre, previously Durban Indian Child Welfare Society. In the Indian community, child care was rooted in the extended family system, which served as the safety net for the unemployed, orphaned and aged, after providing constant and counsel in times of family dysfunction. The oppressive conditions of indenture endured by the first

batch of Indians that arrived in South Africa in 1860 was evident in overcrowded housing conditions, poverty and low educational levels, high infant and maternal mortality rates, high birth rates and large family size, high incidence of disease and widespread illiteracy.

These conditions prompted the formation of the organisations that became synonymous with welfare in the Indian community.

The roots of the Durban Child and Family Welfare Society go back to 1919 when Dr and

Mrs Saw Campbell founded the Children's Aid Society. The first facility, a cotche, built in 1923 followed by the employment of the first three social workers in 1941. Together with the City Council, they society opened a shelter for street children in 1987.

Today, CWDD provides a wide range of services to children, their families and communities in the Durban and Umhlangeni areas. They offer their help and love in social work services, life care, community family income and residential care.



Irene Okoye from Child Welfare Durban and District with Mo Magic, who is the brand ambassador for Child Welfare, and will be entertaining with magic on 12 December.

Pledge it on child welfare radiothon

CHILD Welfare Durban and District in conjunction with Radio Hindvani will host a Radiothon on Saturday, 12 December from 10am to 4pm at CWDD Stormhaven Offices, 20 Clarence Road, Morningside.

Radio Hindvani will be broadcasting live at Stormhaven, and the public is invited to go along and make a pledge and mingle with their favourite radio show hosts.

This is a fundraising initiative to cover the grocery bill for our four child and youth care centres, which is one of our highest expenditures every month. We are urging the community to call in and pledge or come to Child Welfare on the day," said Irene Okoye from Child Welfare.

There will be a mini information desk at the premises in Clarence Road on the day and local magician and brand ambassador, Mo Magic, will be there to surprise guests with some magic.

"Come meet and greet Mo and have photos taken with him. There will also be a jambo sale at the premises, as well as lots of food for sale," said Irene.

Mo Magic said he was thrilled to be a part of the initiative and was excited to be the brand ambassador for Child Welfare.

He urged the community to make the time to contribute on 12 December, by calling or visiting, as the money would be going directly to the children.

Call in with your pledge on 12 December to 031 312 9313.



Check out our Brand Ambassador Mo Magic's show 'Magic with Mo' on SABC 3

Web: www.momagic.co.za
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YouTube: [MoMagicSouthAfrica](https://www.youtube.com/MoMagicSouthAfrica)



Nedbank appreciates community heroes



The Child Welfare Durban & District (CWDD) in association with Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre were bestowed with a generous donation of R15 000 by the Nedbank Local Heroes Initiative.

The Nedbank Local Heroes project has remained active for more than a decade identifying unsung heroes among staff members. The individuals are already

participating in charitable work, through their own initiative.

Nedbank awards the successful hero by awarding a donation to the charity project they coordinate or support as a volunteer.

"Child Welfare Durban & District are thankful to Mrs Sunita Roopan of Nedbank, who volunteers her time and efforts to our organisation.

She has honoured us by nominating our organisation

as a worthy beneficiary of the Local Heroes donation," said Irene Okoye of CWDD.

The funds attained will be used to empower the children living in CWDD facilities by providing essential life-skills and providing for their basic needs.

Child Welfare Durban and District would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to their Board of Governors, Directorate, staff and children involved in this initiative.



Christmas is the Season of giving and our organisation would love you to partner with us to treat the 237 children in our 4 child and youth care centres ranging in age from birth to 18 years of age.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your donation of R10 or more would help us to fill a stocking with new clothing and shoes for our children or you can donate non-perishable food items and in so doing bring a little CHRISTMAS CHEER to the lives of these orphans and vulnerable children.

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